

Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-509

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Morris-Holland-Gault Cemetery  
and/or common \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number vic. of 10308 Carey Road not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city, town Berlin vicinity of x congressional district First  
state Maryland 21811 county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Accessible	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> yes/restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> military
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes/unrestrict.	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Status	Present Use	<input type="checkbox"/> private res.
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
Acquisition	<input type="checkbox"/> in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> transport.
<input type="checkbox"/> in progress		<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:
<input type="checkbox"/> being considered		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<u>cemetery</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	

4. Owner of Property

name Richard J., Jr. & Ellen M. Truitt  
street & number 10308 Carey Road tele. no. \_\_\_\_\_  
city, town Berlin state & zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court  
- Worcester County Courthouse

street & number West Market Street  
city, town Snow Hill state MD zip code 21863  
liber RHO 1835 folio 439

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_  
date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local \_\_\_\_\_  
depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_  
city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Description**

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		(date _____)

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Morris-Holland-Gault Cemetery is a small family burial plot located on the west side of US 113, approximately 1,500 feet west of the highway and some 1,125 feet south of Carey Road. The cemetery contains nine burials that are identified by above ground by markers, with two burials situated within an enclosure. The burials date from 1847 to an unknown date in the twentieth century.

The burials are oriented east-west—a standard practice in Protestant cemeteries—with the faces of the headstone markers facing east. The burials are arranged in three rows, with the two burials within the enclosure and two others to the north making up the westernmost row. Four burials make up the center row, while a single burial comprises the easternmost row. Except for one burial in the enclosure, all of the burials are noted by one-piece headstones and footstones of marble that follow a traditional rounded shape for headstones and a block shape for footstones. The exception is an elaborate monument constructed of four pieces of marble or perhaps granite. In all, there are eight headstones and nine footstones, as two of the burials share the same headstone. All of the markers feature incised epitaphs.

The enclosure is in poor to fair condition. It is constructed of four courses of concrete block with a concrete cap and four corner blocks. The face of each block has a manufactured appearance that resembles random ashlar masonry. Fragments of a former cast iron fence are located at the base of the enclosure's east side. The enclosure measures approximately 31'-6" wide by 13'-9" deep. The entire cemetery appears to measure some 55'-6" wide by 39'-5" deep.

Alterations to the cemetery include the loss of the cast iron fence and minor damage and deterioration at the enclosure and several of the markers.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance-Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehist.	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-hist.	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> music	

Specific Dates	1847-19??	Builder/Architect	unknown
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check:	Applicable Criteria:	and/or Applicable Exception:	Level of Significance:
<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> E	<input type="checkbox"/> national
<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> state
<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> G	<input type="checkbox"/> local
<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> D		

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Morris-Holland-Gault Cemetery survives as an example of the common rural practice in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries of burying family members on the family property in an area away from the dwelling and work areas. The cemetery is located at the end of a line of trees that extends out into agricultural fields and is more than 1,000 feet from the nearest historic dwelling. The cemetery has been given its name based on the family names inscribed on the existing markers. The order of the names has been based on the death dates noted on the markers, with the earliest date, 1847, belonging to Thomas Morris, a date of 1857 belonging to Edward Holland, and a date of 1864 belonging to William Gault. Other members of these families as well as two members of the Brittingham family are buried in the cemetery, but these dates tend to be later in the nineteenth century or in the twentieth century. The relationship of the families to one another is not known. It is assumed that they were related by marriage.

The ownership of the cemetery is unclear from deed and tax records. The cemetery appears to lie within the current legal tax parcel owned by Richard J., Jr., and Ellen M. Truitt. However, a 1915 deed reference associated with the Rachel A. Gault House (WO-513), which is located approximately 1,375 feet southeast of the cemetery, describes an easement through the property for the purpose of providing access to a graveyard (WCCC Deed Book ODC 19:114). In addition, Rachel's sister and father are buried in the cemetery. The Gault House predates the Truitt House (WO-474) by 30-50 years, so it is likely that the cemetery was once on Gault property. If a transfer of the cemetery was made at some time in the past, it is not clear from the existing records.

Thomas D. Morris died as an infant at age one. Edward H. Holland died at age 28. Census records note that he was a farmer (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1850). William Gault died at age 66 and was a farmer of some

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means. He had a real estate worth of \$5,000.00 and a personal estate worth \$1,000.00 in 1860 (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1860). He was married and had four children, and a fifteen-year-old African-American "laborer" was part of the household.

Also buried in the cemetery are Joshua and Rachel I. Morris, the parents of Thomas. Joshua died in 1857 at age 60; Rachel died in 1881 at age 74. Another member of the Morris family, Robert J. M. Morris, died sometime in the early twentieth century. His marker is badly weathered and cannot be read clearly. Sarah C. Gault, sister of Rachel and daughter of William, died sometime in the early twentieth century. Her marker is also badly weathered and is difficult to read. Census records indicate that she kept house in the years after her father's death; her sister, Rachel, was the head of the household and worked as a farmer (U.S. Bureau of the Census 1880). The most recent burials in the cemetery appear to belong to James and Gertrude Brittingham. Their shared headstone contains no date or age information, but by the condition of the marker and the type of font used to inscribe the names, theirs would appear to be later twentieth century burials.

Using the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data, this would place the Morris-Holland-Gault Cemetery in the following periods: Agricultural/Industrial Transition (A.D. 1815-1870); Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930); and possibly the Modern Period (A.D. 1930-Present). The current legal tax parcel containing the cemetery encompasses 9.45 acres; the cemetery itself appears to encompass only .05 acres.

The Morris-Holland-Gault Cemetery is recommended ineligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the criteria of eligibility in 36 CFR 60.4. Cemeteries are not ordinarily considered eligible for the National Register, and this cemetery does not appear to satisfy the exceptions noted under Criteria Consideration D: it contains no graves of significant persons; it is not of significant age; it displays no significant design features; and it is not associated with significant historic events.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E
Comments: _____	
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 10/9/99
Reviewer, NR program <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 9/1/99

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

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Acreage of nominated property .05 ac.

Quadrangle name Berlin, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References - do not complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

C                     

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Zone Easting Northing

D                     

F                     

H                     

Verbal boundary description and justification

Rectangle containing apparent boundary of burial area, measuring approximately .05 acres in size; within legal tax parcel noted as Map 20 Parcel 25

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCP/DHCD  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032  
514-7600

U.S. Bureau of the Census

1850 Manuscript Returns of the Seventh Census of the United States,  
Population Schedule. Microfilm on file, Snow Hill Public Library,  
Snow Hill, Maryland.

1860 Manuscript Returns of the Eighth Census of the United States,  
Population Schedule. Microfilm on file, Snow Hill Public Library,  
Snow Hill, Maryland.

1880 Manuscript Returns of the Tenth Census of the United States,  
Population Schedule. Microfilm on file, Snow Hill Public Library,  
Snow Hill, Maryland.

Worcester County Clerk of Court (WCCC)

1887-1996 Property records on file at the Worcester County Courthouse,  
Snow Hill, Maryland.

Morris-Holland-Gault Cemetery  
Worcester County, Maryland

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

- 1) Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

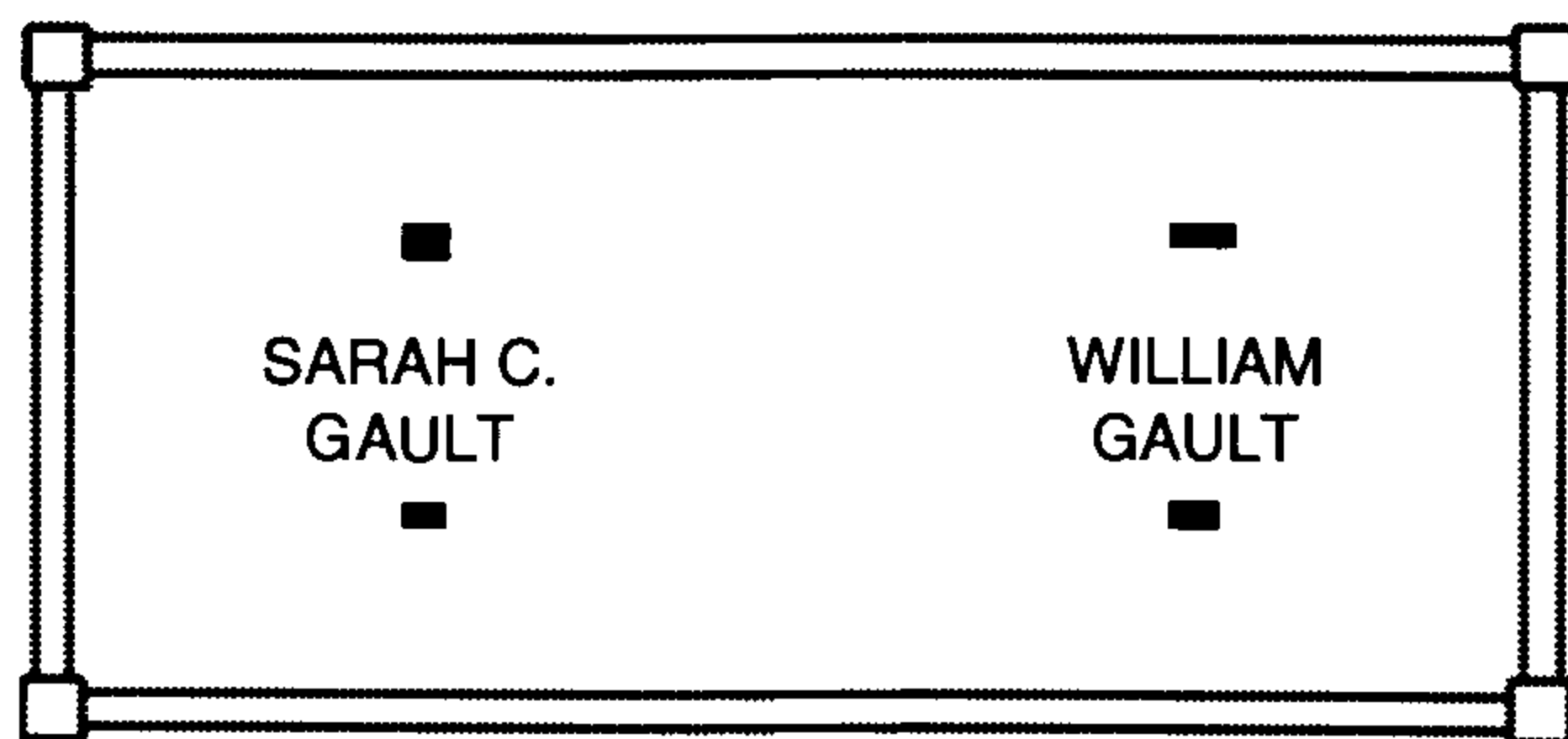
- 10) Agricultural/Industrial Transition (A.D. 1815-1870)
- 11) Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930)
- 12) Modern Period (A.D. 1930-Present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

- 7) Social/Education/Cultural

Resource Type:

Category:	Site
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Cemetery
Known Design Source:	None



SARAH C.  
GAULT

WILLIAM  
GAULT

JAMES AND GERTRUDE  
BRITTINGHAM

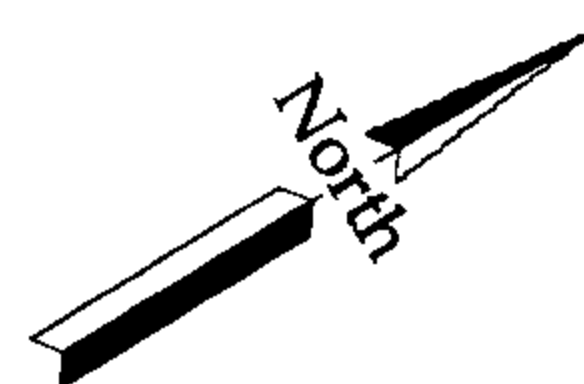
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MORRIS

RACHEL I.  
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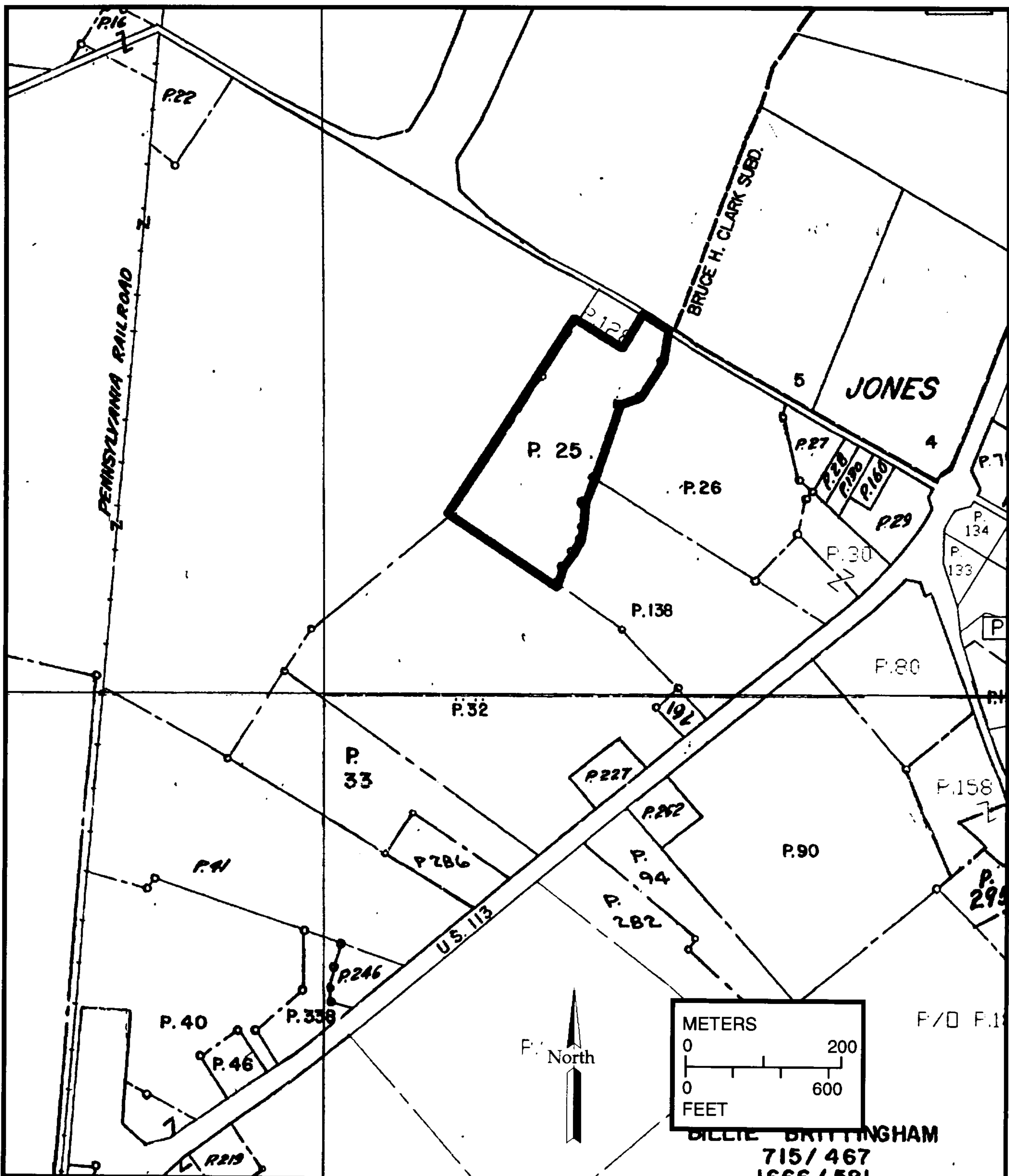
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MORRIS

EDWARD  
H.  
HOLLAND



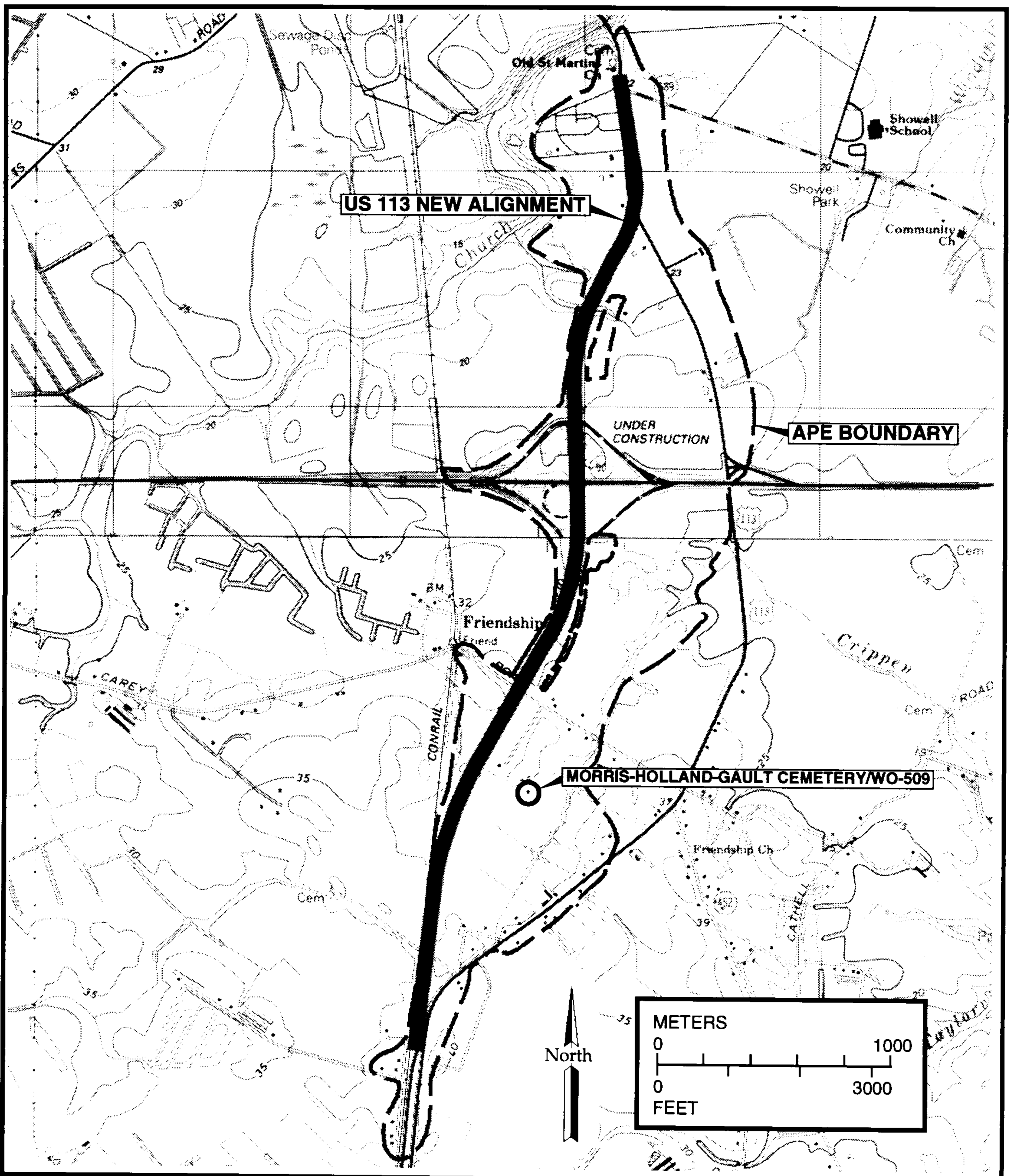
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**RESOURCE SKETCH MAP**  
Morris-Holland-Gault Cemetery / WO-509  
Berlin Vicinity  
Worcester County, MD



# **TAX MAP**

Section of Map No. 20, Parcel No. 25, Worcester County, Md.  
 Containing the Morris-Holland-Gault Cemetery / WO-509  
 Berlin (vic.), Worcester County, MD.



### LOCATIONAL MAP

Section of the 7.5' Selbyville, Del.-MD/Berlin, MD Quad Map (USGS 1992/1967-1981)

Showing the Morris/Holland/Gault Cemetery/WO-509

Worcester County, MD.



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1000 - 1000 - Gault Canyon  
1000 - 1000 - Gault Canyon

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Mark Chancellor - photographer

Sept. 1998

1000 - 1000 - negative

looking NW

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Morris - Holland - Bault Cemetery (historic)  
Monroe County, N.D.

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Morris - Chancellor - photographer

Sept. 1978

Manford (N.D.) - negative

Looking SE

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Morris - Holland - Gault Cemetery (historic)

Winchester County, MD

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M. S. Chancellor - photographer

Sept. 1992

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Looking SW

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Maryland SHPO - negative



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Harris-Hollow-Gault Cemetery (historic)  
Warrenton County, MD

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Mark Chancellor - photographer  
Sept. 1998

Manland SHPO - negative

Close-up, looking 11/1

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Mark Chancellor - photographer

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Mark Chancellor - negative

Detail, Enclosure, Looking NW

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Morris-Holland-Gault Cemetery (historic)  
Worcester County, MD

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Mark Chancellor - photographer

Sept. 1998

Maryland SHPO - negative

Detail, Enclosure, Looking N

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ESTER

DAUGHTER OF

JOHN

AND

MARY

GALL

BORN

1862

DIED

1912

AGE 50

SEP 12

1912

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Morris- Holland - Gault Cemetery (vision 2)  
Worcester County, MD

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Mark Chandler - photographer

Sept. 1998

Marginal SHPO - negative

Detail, Gault Marker

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